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1. During August 1948 three hundred families of Pomaks were arrested in the Kirdjali-Krumovgrad region. The arrests were made on various trumped-up charges. These families were taken to the Dobrudja region; they were not allowed to take anything with them except the barest necessities.
2. The Bulgarian authorities are sending these families their livestock, which is indispensable for farming. The rest of their property has been taken over by the cooperatives and is being managed by them.
3. Subsequent information indicates that the Pomaks removed are those who have relatives who fled as refugees to Greece and who, therefore, do not inspire the confidence of the present regime in Bulgaria.

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